

REMARKS

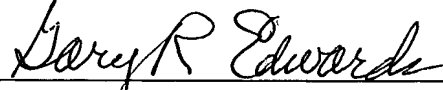
Applicant thanks the Examiner, Ms. Avery, for her courtesy and assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application during an interview conducted April 24, 2002. At the interview, Claims 1 and 18 were discussed, and certain clarifying revisions to the claim language were agreed to, as indicated in the attachment to the Interview Summary. As further indicated in the Interview Summary, it was agreed that Claims 1 and 18 distinguish over the applied prior art (Worst in view of a portable compact disc player). By the foregoing supplemental amendment, Applicant has adopted the revisions discussed with the Examiner, and respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 18, as well all other claims depending from Claim 12, distinguish over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/48391).

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Three Amended) A decentralized power supply system for a vehicle, comprising at least one fuel cell system and other power generators, wherein:

the at least one fuel cell system is electrically isolated from the other power generators of the power supply system, and is dedicated to supplying electricity to an assigned electric consuming device that is incorporated in a structural subassembly of the vehicle; and

the at least one fuel cell system is collocated with the assigned electric consuming device, and is mounted on or in [a] said structural subassembly of the vehicle.

18. (Amended) A component part of a motor vehicle, comprising:

an electrically actuated device which is mounted on or in said component part; and

a fuel cell system which is isolated and self contained and is mounted on or in said component part, collocated with said electrically actuated device, and is dedicated to supply electric power to operate said electrically actuated device.